

WO-269
Hargis-Shockley House
Snow Hill
Private

c. 1887

The architectural features and the land records research for this property indicate this unusual two-and-a-half story frame dwelling was built during the later years of the nineteenth century, by Ella King Wilson Hargis (1856-1935) and Marian Toadvine Hargis (1858-1935) who owned this corner property at the time. The large ell-shaped dwelling is distinctive for the combination of patterned slate mansard and gable roofs as well as the projecting bay window and Tuscan columned porches.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: HARGIS-SHOCKLEY HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: W0-269

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic HARGIS-SHOCKLEY HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Church Street ___ not for publication

city, town Snow Hill ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Miss Margaret Shockley

street & number 101 South Church Street telephone no.:

city, town Snow Hill state and zip code MD 21863

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court Will Book
liber 26

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 218

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. WO-269

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Hargis-Shockley house is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Church and West Federal streets in the center of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story center hall frame house faces southwest with the principal gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Built around 1880, this two-and-a-half story, ell-shaped frame house rests on a low common bond brick foundation, and the house is uniformly sheathed with aluminum siding. Covering the house is a combination of gable and mansard roofs covered with patterned slate. Extending to the rear is a two-and-a-half story ell wing.

The southwest (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a centrally located entrance and flanking single-pane sash windows. The double-door entrance and the flanking windows are sheltered by a Tuscan columned porch built into the front corner of the uneven facade. The porch stretches around to the south gable end. The second floor is lighted by three single-pane sash windows each of which are trimmed with decorated lintel moldings. Centered on the roof is a cross gable fitted with a small two-over-two sash window. Dominating the northwest corner of the ell-shaped dwelling is the mansard roofed section highlighted by a hooded first floor window on the south side and a bay window on the north side. The eaves to both projecting roofs are trimmed with brackets. The second floor is lighted by single-pane sash windows. Highlighting the bell-curved mansard roof are gabled two-over-two sash dormers. An interior brick stack rises through the center of the house between the mansard and gable roofed sections.

The northwest side contains a prominent entrance as well with a Tuscan columned portico sheltering a glazed door opening. Single-pane sash windows light the first and second floors. An interior brick chimney rises through the middle to the rear wing.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Church and Federal streets
Snow Hill, MD 21863

CHAIN-OF-TITLE

Will Book
26/218

Samuel E. Shockley

to

Filed 7/26/1961

Margaret E. Shockley

CWN 11/187

Marion Hargis Dashiell

to

10/1/1946

Samuel E. Shockley

JWS 2/18

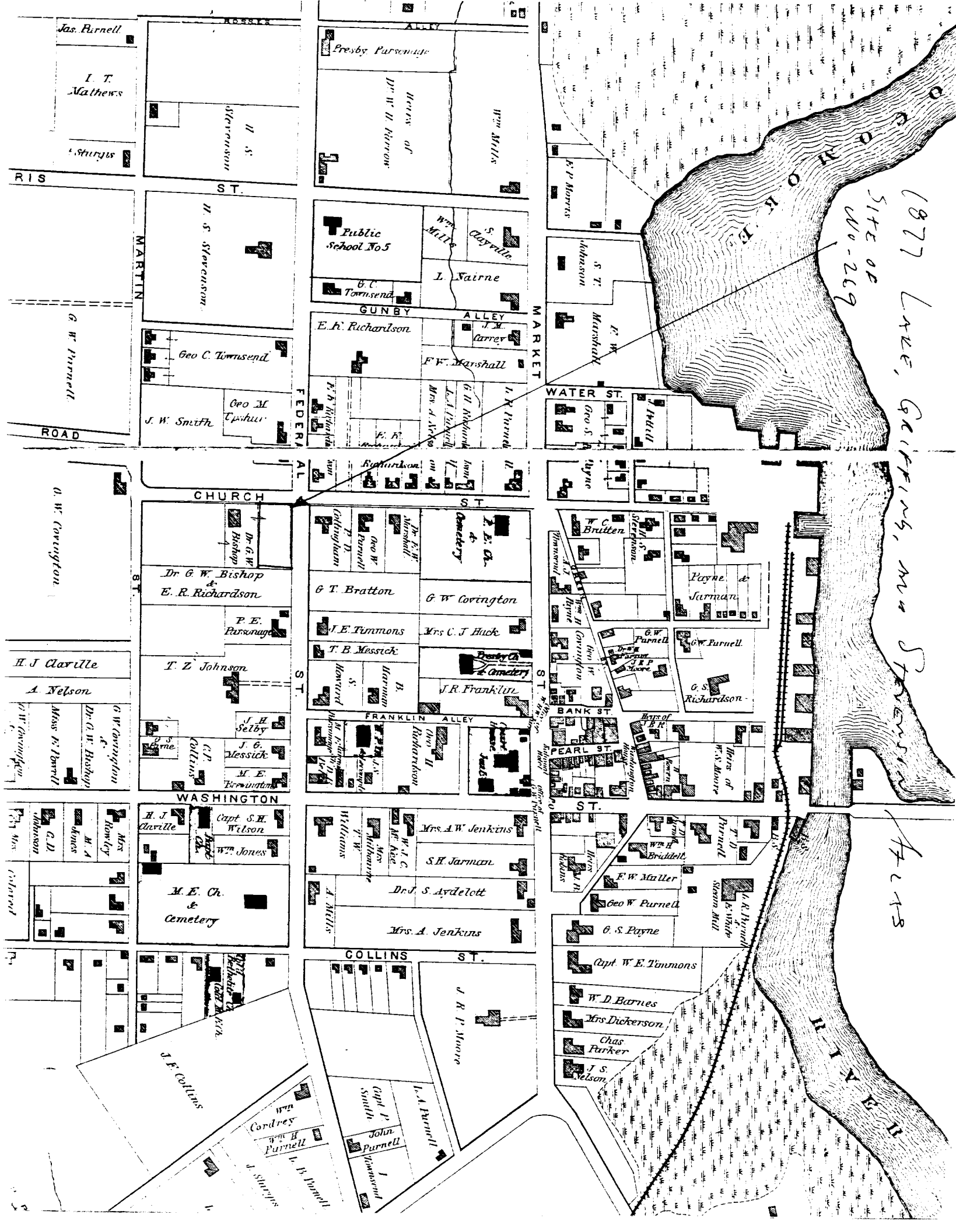
George W. Bishop and Ellen

to

6/20/1887

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